

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on September 25, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1 and 22-33 are amended. New claims 35-36 have been added. Claims 1-36 are now pending in this application. Claims 22 (second) through 33 were amended to be properly numbered due to duplicate claim 22s.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-2, 5-7 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Frantz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,285,558). Claim 1 has been amended to recite memory sockets that support both synchronous and asynchronous types of memory devices. As a result, the rejection is believed overcome, and it is requested that it be withdrawn. Frantz et al. uses a solder ball approach with matching of particular processor pin to signal definition to create a processor specific subsystem. There is no teaching of the use of a socket that can accept both types of memories, with a printed circuit assembly adapted to support both.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 3-4 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frantz et al. in view of Horine et al. (U.S. 6,353,539). This rejection is also believed moot in view of the amendment to claim 1.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-9 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. These claims have been rewritten as claims 35-36.

Claims 10-34 were indicated to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6972 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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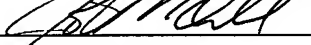
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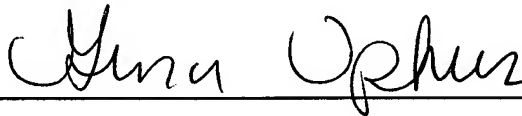
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